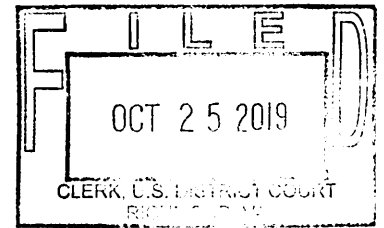


**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**



JOHN DOUGLAS HAYES, JR.,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 3:19CV325–HEH
)	
PHIL GRIMES, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION
(Dismissing Action Without Prejudice)**

Plaintiff, a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. In order to state a viable claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege that a person acting under color of state law deprived him or her of a constitutional right or of a right conferred by a law of the United States. *See Dowe v. Total Action Against Poverty in Roanoke Valley*, 145 F.3d 653, 658 (4th Cir. 1998) (citing 42 U.S.C. § 1983). In his current complaint, Plaintiff does not identify the particular constitutional right that was violated by the defendants' conduct.


Accordingly, by Memorandum Order entered on October 2, 2019, the Court directed Plaintiff to submit a particularized complaint within fourteen (14) days of the date of entry thereof. The Court warned Plaintiff that the failure to submit the particularized complaint would result in the dismissal of the action.

More than fourteen (14) days have elapsed since the entry of the October 2, 2019 Memorandum Order. Plaintiff failed to submit a particularized complaint or otherwise

respond to the October 2, 2019 Memorandum Order. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

An appropriate order will accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: Oct. 24, 2019
Richmond, Virginia


_____/s/_____
HENRY E. HUDSON
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE